

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A termination of a flexible hollow gasket mounted to close a gap between an oven door and an oven face surrounding an oven mouth and facing the oven door comprising a gasket being attached to one of the oven door and the oven face, the gasket including a tubular member having first and second opposing ends[[,]] and a resiliently flexible wall formed at least substantially by intertwined fibrous yarns extending between the ends, the gasket further including ~~and~~ a plurality of fasteners extending through the flexible wall and outwardly from the flexible wall and configured to be received in spaced openings in the one of the oven door and oven face receiving the gasket; the first end of the flexible wall being at least partially collapsed to form a male end of the flexible wall and the second end of the wall being left uncollapsed to form a female end of the flexible wall such that the at least partially collapsed male end is adjustably received within the uncollapsed female end to form a joint engaging the first and second ends together to form a closed loop of the tubular member, the joint being held together by the fasteners immediately adjoining each of the first and second ends of the wall received in two of the spaced openings.
2. (Currently amended) The gasket termination of claim 1 wherein the plurality of fasteners comprise a plurality of separate individual spring clips.
3. (Currently amended) The gasket termination of claim 2 wherein the spring clips are individual wire members separate and distinct from each other, each spring clip being individually captured within and protruding from the flexible wall.
4. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 1 wherein the fasteners are formed from a single continuous spring wire member, the fasteners being engagement portions of the wire member protruding from the flexible wall.
5. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 1 wherein the tubular flexible wall comprises of a tubular, resilient core; and a flexible outer jacket formed by a plurality of fibrous yarns intertwined seamlessly around the resilient core.
6. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 5 wherein the core is formed of at least partially hardened metal wires and wherein the flexible outer jacket is form at least substantially by inorganic fiber yarns.

7. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 6 wherein the core is formed by a plurality of knitted together, stainless steel wires.
8. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 7 wherein the outer jacket is formed by a plurality of braided together glass fiber yarns.
9. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 5 wherein the outer jacket is formed by a plurality of braided together glass fiber yarns.
10. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 5 wherein an end of the core protrudes from an end of the jacket at the first end of the flexible wall.
11. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 10 wherein an end of the outer jacket extends beyond an end of the core at the second end of the flexible wall and is turned in upon itself.
12. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 5 wherein the second end of the outer jacket extends beyond an end of the core at the second end of the flexible wall and is turned in upon itself.
13. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 12 wherein the end of the jacket at the second end of the flexible wall turned in upon itself at least partially overlaps the end of the core at the second end of the jacket.
14. (Original) The gasket termination of claim 11 wherein the end of the jacket at the second end of the flexible wall turned in upon itself at least partially overlaps the end of the core at the second end of the jacket.
15. (Previously presented) The gasket termination of claim 1 wherein the first end is secured in the collapsed position apart from being received in the second end to form the joint.
16. (Currently Amended) The gasket termination of claim 1 further comprising a securement mounted to the first end so as to maintain the first end in an at least partially collapsed condition even with the first end separated from the second end.
17. (New) The gasket termination of claim 3 wherein each of the plurality of fasteners is an individual wire member having a base portion captured between the resilient core and the outer jacket and an engagement portion extending transversely away from the base portion and protruding outwardly through the outer jacket.

18. (New) A termination of a flexible hollow gasket mounted to close a gap between an oven door and an oven face surrounding an oven mouth and facing the oven door comprising a gasket being attached to one of the oven door and the oven face, the gasket including a tubular member having first and second opposing ends, a resiliently flexible wall formed at least substantially by intertwined fibrous yarns extending between the ends and a plurality of fasteners extending through the flexible wall and outwardly from the flexible wall and configured to be received in spaced openings in the one of the oven door and oven face receiving the gasket; the first end of the flexible wall being maintained in at least partially collapsed condition by a securement mounted to the first end to form a male end at the first end of the tubular member and the second end of the wall being left uncollapsed to form a female end such that the male end is adjustably received within the female end to form a joint and a closed loop, the securement maintaining the male end at least partially collapsed in the uncollapsed female end.

19. (New) The termination of claim 18 wherein an end of the at least partially collapsed flexible wall extends beyond the securement at the male end of the tubular member.

20. (New) The termination of claim 18 wherein the flexible wall comprises a tubular, resilient core and a flexible outer jacket formed by a plurality of fibrous yarns intertwined seamlessly around the resilient core.

21. (New) The termination of claim 20 wherein at least the flexible outer jacket portion of the flexible wall is partially collapsed at the first end by the securement to form the male end of the tubular member.

22. (New) A termination of a flexible hollow gasket mounted to close a gap between an oven door and an oven face surrounding an oven mouth and facing the oven door comprising a gasket being attached to one of the oven door and the oven face, the gasket including a tubular member having first and second opposing ends, a resiliently flexible wall formed at least substantially by intertwined fibrous yarns extending between the ends and a plurality of fasteners extending through the flexible wall and outwardly from the flexible wall and configured to be received in spaced openings in the one of the oven door and oven face receiving the gasket; the first end of the flexible wall being maintained in at least partially collapsed condition by a securement mounted to the first end to form a male end at the first end of the

tubular member and the second end of the wall being left uncollapsed to form a female end such that the male end is adjustably received within the female end to form a joint engaging the first and second ends together to form a closed loop, the flexible wall comprising: a tubular, resilient core and a flexible outer jacket formed by a plurality of fibrous yarns intertwined seamlessly around the resilient core, the second end of the outer jacket extending beyond an end of the core at the second end of the flexible wall and being turned in upon itself.

23. (New) The gasket termination of claim 22 wherein the end of the jacket at the second end of the flexible wall turned in upon itself at least partially overlaps the end of the core at the second end of the jacket.

24. (New) The gasket termination of claim 22 wherein the plurality of fasteners comprise a plurality of separate individual spring clips.

25. (New) The gasket termination of claim 24 wherein the spring clips are individual wire members separate and distinct from each other, each spring clip being individually captured within and protruding from the flexible wall

26. (New) The gasket termination of claim 25 wherein each of the individual wire members includes a base portion captured between the resilient core and the outer jacket and an engagement portion protruding from the base portion through the outer jacket and extending outwardly away from the outer jacket

27. (New) The gasket termination of claim 22 wherein the fasteners are formed from a single continuous spring wire member, the fasteners being engagement portions of the wire member protruding from the flexible wall.

28. (New) The gasket termination of claim 22 wherein the core is formed by a plurality of knitted together, stainless steel wires.

29. (New) The gasket termination of claim 28 wherein the outer jacket is formed by a plurality of braided together glass fiber yarns.

30. (New) The gasket termination of claim 22 wherein the outer jacket is formed by a plurality of braided together glass fiber yarns.